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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 12:00 Noon Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, and Byrd. (11/13)**
Members absent and excused were **Representatives Elder and Jones. (2/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 29, 2018, as printed.

Representative Albert moved to adopt the minutes of May 29, 2018, as printed.
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6056.

HB 6056 (Farrington) Health occupations; health professionals; pilot program allowing certain military medical personnel to practice under the supervision of a licensed physician; create.

Representative Diana Farrington, the bill sponsor, introduced David Dunkel, Retired Army Veteran and Departmental Specialist in the Strategy Division in the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, who explained the bill. Representative Farrington spoke further on the bill. Questions followed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Dr. Crystal Holmes, DPM, Immediate Past President for the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan.

The Chair went at ease, at the call of the Chair, at 12:08 p.m.
The Chair handed over the gavel to the Majority Vice-Chair, Representative Graves, at 12:09 p.m.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6063.

HB 6063 (Wentworth) Land use; zoning and growth management; prohibition of local advertising ordinances from prohibiting signage for veterans or first responders who die in the line of duty; provide for.

The Chair, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

The Majority Vice-Chair went at ease, at the call of the Chair, at 12:14 p.m.
Representative Graves, the Majority Vice-Chair, turned over the gavel to the Chair at 12:15 p.m.

Johnny Brann, Sandy Brann, and Steve Moreno testified in support of the bill.

Maria Kozminski, mother of deceased Grand Rapids Police Officer Robert Kozminski, testified in support of the bill.

David Warsen, father of Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class David John Warsen, Jr., and Michelle Wernet, testified in support of the bill.

Karen Black with Steve Moreno testified in support of the bill.

Melissa Puplis testified in support of the bill.

Jennifer Rigterink, Legislative Associate for the Michigan Municipal League, explained the league's position on the bill. Questions followed.

Andrea Brown, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Planning, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill as written, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, and

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Representative Sabo moved to excuse Representatives Elder and Jones from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the members were excused.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Sabo moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:59 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jason Wentworth, Chair

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee